

House Resolution 908

By: Representatives Hugley of the 133rd, Smyre of the 136th, Buck of the 135th, Taylor of the 134th, Roberts of the 132nd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Youth Advisory Council of Columbus, Georgia; inviting the members of
2 the Youth Advisory Council to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time
3 to be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the Youth Advisory Council of Columbus, Georgia, a partnership between the
5 City of Columbus and the Muscogee County School District, was inaugurated in 2001 with
6 the mission of broadening the scope of youth leadership in the area through volunteer service
7 and initiatives directed toward allowing youth input into policy issues, identifying issues of
8 concern to youth, and participating in the development of positive solutions for problems
9 confronting youth; and
- 10 WHEREAS, 78 members of the Youth Advisory Council were selected to represent the
11 middle schools, high schools, and alternative schools of the Muscogee County School
12 District; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the selection criteria for members included extracurricular activity,
14 demonstrated leadership skills, community involvement, and recommendations; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the members of the first Youth Advisory Council have been visionary in
16 identifying a number of issues concerning youth, including school violence, underage
17 drinking, dress codes, peer pressure, school starting time, driver's education in schools,
18 youth's role in raising the level of education, schools' policies regarding behavior, teen
19 pregnancy, drug and alcohol use, and unity among youth; and
- 20 WHEREAS, projects and programs of interest to this exceptional group of young people
21 include "Leader for a Day," an advisory committee for civic center events and entertainment,
22 Habitat for Humanity, starting a tutorial program, mentoring, and a neighborhood cleanup;
23 and

1 WHEREAS, the significant leadership of the outstanding members of the first Youth
2 Advisory Council demonstrated the intelligence and diligence of the membership and the
3 excellence of the concept.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body commend and congratulate the members of the Youth Advisory
6 Council for a task well done and predict a bright future for each member and the Youth
7 Advisory Council.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Youth Advisory Council are invited
9 to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the
10 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Youth Advisory
13 Council.